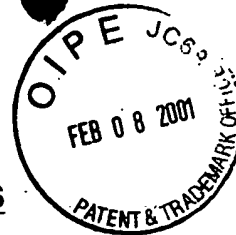


REMARKS



By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 4-14, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 15 to respond to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. Claims 1-3, and 15 are currently pending.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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